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Guard breaks ground for new facility



Officials break ground on the new Regional Training Institute at Fort Carson.

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The Colorado Army National Guard broke ground on the new Regional Training Institute on Fort Carson Oct. 28.

The RTI provides military education to Soldiers at all levels of leadership to help them fight, win and survive in a combat environment. The regiment trains Soldiers from the active and Reserve components of the Army, with the majority of its students being active-duty Soldiers stationed at Fort Carson.

“All Soldiers who attend training at the new RTI will benefit from the modern features and ideal location this new facility will provide,” said Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards, the adjutant general of Colorado. “This state-of-the-art facility is critical for building efficient and effective leaders who will lead troops in future combat or homeland operations.”

The 128,391-square-foot facility will be the new home of the 168th Regional Training Institute. The new RTI will consolidate classrooms, auditoriums, billeting and food service in one facility. From the time students enter the facility until they complete their training, all of their needs will be taken care of in one building.

With the unique training mission of the regiment, it is imperative to locate the new facility close to the other training assets needed on a regular basis. The RTI will be within walking distance of a weapons qualification range and just on the northern edge of the thousands of acres of maneuver and training space Fort Carson offers.

The construction will begin in November and is scheduled to be completed in October 2013. The facility will occupy a portion of a 160-acre parcel shared by a maintenance facility and the future Training Center Complex. The RTI is phase two of three of the Colorado National Guard’s Centennial Training Site.



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